

P A T E N T

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/616,622 Confirmation No.: 3366  
Applicant : Daniel M. Lafontaine  
Filed : July 10, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 3734  
Examiner : Yabut, Diane D.  
Title : SYSTEM FOR CLOSING AN OPENING IN A BODY CAVITY  
Docket No. : 1001.2207101  
Customer No. : 28075

**AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.111**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**CERTIFICATE FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being electronically transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on this 21 day of January, 2010.

By Jill Standish  
Jill Standish

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of November 2, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.